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AFTER THE WAR

A French economist predicts that the various European governments will set up high tariff walls at the end of the war to recoup the losses resultant from the struggle, he even going so far as to say that free trade England will resort to this form of taxation. France and Germany already have protection, but England has been the trading ground of all countries. A change of policy, therefore, would affect the United States seriously, for it is to Great Britain and her colonies that the major part of American products go.

The same authority says that the countries at war will overcome the financial losses in ten years. The south was a long time in recovering. It will be recalled, while the northern states experienced an unparalleled prosperity at once, due to expansion in the west. The south had no aid in its efforts to recover from the effects of war, whereas the resources of the various European governments will be devoted to rehabilitating agriculture, industry and shipping. We are ready to believe that Europe will not be long in recovering from the financial shock.

Europe will suffer from the destruction of its young men, however. Generations will be affected for all time. One can destroy buildings and railroads, but they can be rebuilt. But one cannot make a vigorous people out of weak men and cripples—and a great part of the male population of Europe will be of these classes for many years.

TURKEY SWINDLER

A slick rascal giving Danville as his home and his name as E. S. Bowen, cowered Cabarrus county citizens out of turkeys worth in the aggregate \$6000, and as a result many households will be without their spending money this Christmas and hundreds of tables will not be provided with turkeys. The insinuating stranger had no trouble in sliding into the good graces of the honest men and women of No. 10 township and the Bost mill section, and experienced even less trouble in cleaning them up. The Concord correspondent says a number of these turkeys were contracted for by local merchants, but the lure of the extra few cents caused the owners to sell regardless of obligations.

There are several morals protruding in this affair. The first is that people selling to strangers should get the cash—and be careful that it is not wooden money—and the second is that if one contracts to do a certain thing, he should do it.

The swindler probably will be captured and if he is brought to trial in Cabarrus county, we fancy a jury of farmers who have heard of his rascality will do a plenty to him. Still, the main thing is to have a care in dealing with strangers in preference to home people.

ATTEND THE MEETING

The work that the Associated Charities is able to do in Hickory is more helpful than twice the amount of energy or money expended in a haphazard manner—for the individual cases must be sifted down to determine their merits. The community should give through some organization whose business it is to investigate the worthiness of those seeking aid from society. Promiscuous charity might tend to make the recipient dependent, wanting in self-respect.

The record today is printing the report of the Associated Charities for last year, when 44 persons were aided—in each instance the applicant being investigated thoroughly. We have had a run of fine weather and, although conditions are much better than last winter, many persons might be in want when real winter comes. The larger the town the more chances are there for distress.

A general outpouring of citizens at the mass-meeting in the Hub theatre Sunday afternoon at 4:30 should be the answer to the call for interest in the work.

The recall election was tried in Spartanburg, but the mayor held on while two members of council were removed. The origin of the fight was over a loan from a local bank, another institution claiming to have offered better terms than four per cent.

GROWING HICKORY

Hickory three years ago, a business man told us yesterday, did not look like it does today—and he named a number of new business houses and residences that have gone up since then—but yet it was a dandy town three years ago. Five years ago, ten years ago, Hickory was known as a live town, but in the last few years it has made its greatest advance. It has just begun to grow. This business man thinks well of Hickory, and declares that it is destined to become a city of importance. This is being brought about by the spirit of cooperation that is evident in the community. Here legitimate enterprise always can find encouragement, and if one proves his worth, he is assured of a backing.

And after all, isn't that the best augury of a good town?

THE ANCONA NOTE

The action of the United States government in sending a note to the Austrian government requesting a disavowal of the attack on the Ancona opens up anew the submarine question and leaves the situation about where it was after the Lusitania was torpedoed. Germany has never disavowed the Lusitania murders. Will Austria disavow an act which had even less justification from her standpoint? The Record is doubtful, especially since the Vienna foreign office has not even answered polite requests as to whether the submarine commander was given instructions to attack the ship. Undoubtedly the situation is grave, but much will depend on the action of congress. An open breach may be forced soon.

The Methodist conference at Wilmington passed a resolution protesting against the Sunday train and the Sunday newspaper. The brethren may continue to protest, but the Sunday morning paper is a thing that people have come to thirst for, and there is small probability of its ever being eliminated, not that we care one way or the other.

Germany has decided to recall von Papen and Boy-Ed and has thereby removed another irritation. Now in the shelling of those American tank steamers amounts to nothing we may breathe easily again.

Dr. John Robertson is a strong preacher, but he must be a stronger teacher. One cannot hear him deliver a sermon without having a desire to study under him.

The weather man and local prognosticators are busy every day or so predicting rain or snow, but they can't do anything in this climate.

And as sincere people as you ever saw really think it unwise for the United States to have a standing army of more than 1,500.

It begins to appear as if the allied troops now in the Balkans might spend their Christmas in Berlin or Constantinople.

Attend the mass-meeting at the Hub Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the Associated Charities.

If Billy Bryan and his Dove of Peace were only along, it would be a regular Noah's ark.

Less than 3 weeks till Christmas, and our pocket book is in a critical condition.

These crisp Hickory mornings do put the ginger and pep into a fellow's blood.

We take it that, no matter how this war ends, England will not be caught napping again.

And we all thought Henry Ford's days of piece-work were over!

A man may exist without friends, but he cannot call it living.

We see that Raleigh has fallen for the wrestling game.

Also, all a-Boy-Ed for the old world!

TAR HEELS AT HARVARD

North Carolina Boys Studying Theology at That University.

Chapel Hill, Dec. 9.—That North Carolina is getting her proportionate share of the honors at Harvard University this year, was proven by the awarding of two additional scholarships in the divinity school to two graduates of the University of North Carolina. Willie Caldwell Furr of the class of 1915, received respectively a Duffield scholarship, valued at three hundred dollars and a Hopkins scholarship, valued at three hundred and fifty dollars.

The secretary of the divinity school in his letter of announcement says: "We are very glad to have such excellent representatives of the University of North Carolina in the divinity school and feel sure that you will be gratified at learning of their continued success in the pursuit of their studies."

North Carolinians are taking a prominent part in the literary work of the university. Only recently two young North Carolinians were awarded places on the editorial staff of the Harvard Law Review. The winning of these scholarships by Messrs. Furr and Caldwell makes a total of nine scholars won this year by men of this university in the graduate schools of large eastern colleges.

Sheriff Isenhour will be in Hickory Saturday at the city manager's office between 9 a. m. o'clock and 4 p. m. o'clock to collect taxes.—(Adv.)

PRESS COMMENT

Will a Fiddler Too

Winston-Salem Sentinel.
Dr. L. H. Hill, of Germantown, champion old time fiddler of North Carolina and Virginia, was a "Trade Week" visitor to the city Monday. Dr. Hill says that he hopes it can be arranged to have his nephew, Will, from near Hickory, come down for the convention and play with him. "We are some pair," declared the doctor.

Germany's Strange Bedfellow.

New York Evening Post.
When the Kaiser enters Constantinople, to greet his exalted brother-in-arms, the Sultan, he will have to take pains to forget what Germans have written of the Turks. For example, there is the letter which Bismarck wrote to the old emperor on August 11, 1877. It was said at the time of the first Russian reverses in the war with Turkey, and Bismarck associated himself with Wilhelm I in regretting the misfortune. He did not think that Germany would need to face a change of policy, but he went on to say:

"It is impossible without deep sympathy to read of the misfortunes of these brave and friendly soldiers, or without indignation to learn of the shameful outrages committed by the Turks upon the wounded and helpless. With such barbarians it is difficult to be on good terms diplomatically, and I think that all Christian powers must be indignant. For the Russians, there lies in these events evidence of Christian civilization against heathenish barbarism."

Marketing Means Cooperative Marketing

Progressive Farmer.
It cannot be too often emphasized that profitable marketing means cooperative marketing. It is two illustrations that came to our attention last week. The first is that in one Alabama neighborhood sometime ago, farmers became interested in growing better livestock and took up hog raising. But because they gave no attention to the marketing end, they crowded their little market town with 500 hogs, whereas it had previously been absorbing probably not more than a hundred, with the result that a large proportion of the hogs were sold at 1-2 to 3 cents a pound gross. When Kansas City was paying 6 cents a pound gross. There is a story about a little boy who said that "salt is something that makes Irish potatoes taste mighty bad when you don't put it on 'em," and this story simply indicates that cooperation is something that makes marketing very unsatisfactory when you don't apply it.

In the other instance a group of North Carolina farmers obtained the services of a government expert in cotton grading, and on one lot of 375 bales officially graded, and shipped to Norfolk, Virginia, a clear profit of \$800 was realized over and above the prices offered by the local cotton buyers. As the farmer said who told us this incident: "This illustrates the advantage both of expert grading and also the advantage of selling in large quantities. For both of these results cooperation is necessary,—the organization of farmers' marketing associations. In the same county an investigation last year showed that the men marketing as much as ten bales at a time averaged \$1.15 more a bale than those who sold single bales."

DIPLOMATIC FIGURE IS DEAD IN BERLIN

(By Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Reinhold Klehmet, who retired from the German diplomatic service in 1911 with the title of envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary after having served his country for several years as consul general at Athens, died here November 12. Minister Klehmet's title of remembrance will rest chiefly on the part he took in the famous "Kaiser's interview" in the Daily Telegraph of London, which was passed by him for publication after the emperor had submitted it to the then chancellor, Prince von Buelow, for an opinion as to its advisability for publication. The article did not come under the eyes of Prince Buelow, who was secretary of state for foreign affairs, and other high officials owing to illness, absence and other causes and finally came into the hands of Klehmet, then a promising attaché in the foreign office. He was objecting to it, his opinion was endorsed in turn by his superior officers before whom the interview came in its return course; and in due time the interview appeared. When the storm over the interview burst, responsibility for reading and approving it was traced to Klehmet, who exchanged his post in the foreign office for the consular appointment at Athens. Since his retirement as consul general he had been the German delegate on the international finance commission at Athens.

CUTTING AFFAIR AT BROOKFORD

James Lail, who was shot in the left thigh by W. P. Pitts at the latter's store in Brookford yesterday afternoon, was reported as resting well today, despite the loss of much blood. A steel bullet projected by a Colt .44 pierced the fleshy part of his thigh and sang its way through.

There are two sides as to how the affair started. One is that it was accidental, and the other is that Lail attacked Mr. Pitts with a knife. Mr. Pitts gave bond.

Dr. Chas. L. Hunsucker was called to dress the wounded man, and he said today the wound should have been a little higher to be effective. It was too low to do much damage. Lail is the father of three sets of twins, only four of whom are living.

THE PIECE DE RESISTANCE

Friends, in this world of hurry, and work, and sudden end, if a thought comes quick of doing a kindness to a friend, do it that very moment! Don't put it off—don't wait! What's the use of doing a kindness if you do it a day too late? —Charles Kingsley.

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